

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3083

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the 80 percent deduction for meals and entertainment expenses.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 10, 2001

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the 80 percent deduction for meals and entertainment expenses.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Meal Tax Reduction  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. INCREASED DEDUCTION FOR MEALS AND ENTER-**  
7       **TAINMENT EXPENSES.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 274(n)  
9       of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to only  
10      50 percent of meal and entertainment expenses allowed

1 as deduction) is amended by striking “50 percent” and  
2 inserting “80 percent”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

4 (1) Paragraph (3) of section 274(n) of such  
5 Code is hereby repealed.

6 (2) The heading for subsection (n) of section  
7 274 of such Code is amended by striking “50 PER-  
8 CENT” and inserting “80 PERCENT”.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
10 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
11 December 31, 2001.

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